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In re the application of: Timothy A. Springer *et al.*

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for Producing Same*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated June 17, 2002 (Paper No. 7). A separate petition for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith. Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows: